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BY EMAIL ONLY

Stacey Sovine
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RE: Concerns at John Metcalf Middle School

Dear Mr. Sovine:

Thank you for your detailed response and invitation to meet to continue our discussion on these matters. We are continuing to receive complaints from parents and students about how students of color are being treated and have passed along the information we have received to the Minnesota Department of Human Rights, with whom we have been partnering to try to provide additional accountability and oversight mechanisms concerning racial discrimination at local schools.

We want to emphasize the gravity of the parent and student complaints we have received, and just so you are aware, while we have received many complaints over the past couple of years – more complaints than at any time in recent memory – the complaints we have heard about Metcalf have been of another kind altogether. We are deeply worried about the climate at Metcalf, and we strongly encourage you to more thoroughly investigate these complaints, be accountable to the district and Metcalf community of students and parents, convey what preventive actions are being taken and that there will be zero tolerance for this type of behavior by students or staff, and then openly apologize to the school, district, and Burnsville community.

Again, thank you for your response.

Sincerely,

Jim Hilbert
St. Paul NAACP Education Committee Chair

cc: Farhio Khalif, President, St Paul NAACP ([REDACTED])
Cindy Amoroso, Superintendent ([REDACTED])
Abigail Alt, School Board Chair ([REDACTED])